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CANDIDATES ARE CHOSEN FOR CITY

I. Ballagh Chosen for Mayorship and Six Names Proposed for Councilmen by Mass Meeting Tuesday Night—Petitions Being Circulated.

Pursuant to a call by the mayor, about 40 citizens met at the city hall Tuesday night for the purpose of selecting city officers. Mayor Saxon was chosen as permanent chairman and E. E. Quick, permanent secretary.

The mayor stated the object of the meeting and declared nominations in order for mayor. Mayor Saxon was nominated, but asked that the nomination be withdrawn, stating that he had served the city for almost twenty years and was willing and anxious to see someone else take his place. Several others were placed in nomination, but withdrew and the roll was left to Edison I. Ballagh and Harold Broughton.

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Instead of the dog, however, the cat and chickens have fallen victims to the ruthless act of this sneak. The Jeffries household was just about to kill a chicken for a meal when it was noticed that the cat acted queerly, when the poisoned meat was found in the yard. Thus do we find human life held lightly by a fiendish desire to destroy a dog. Had the Jeffries' pet been eaten the fowl without noticing its condition at least sickness, and perhaps death, would have resulted.

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From district 30 comes Enid Tarbell and Vida Emmons from 52.

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PROMINENT CITIZEN CROSSES THE DIVIDE

Pioneer Resident of Warren Is Summoned—Funeral Monday

Death has called one of our most prominent, patriotic and best beloved citizens. Thursday the call came and C. O. Dahlgren answered it.

Unusually respected and admired, Mr. Dahlgren was ever ready to extend a helping hand to his fellowman irrespective of creed or nationality. Although born in Sweden, his only thought in patriotism was for his adopted country. When the world's war was on and the government needed financial aid he was one of the very first to subscribe for the limit of War Savings stamps and the first to respond most liberally to every solicitation of bonds and to him, was due the raising of Warren's quota of every issue. Every enterprise he favored and was a subscriber to many things that have originated here. Mr. Dahlgren was born in Sweden April 1858, and was 62 years of age. He came to America in early life and was a successful wheat grower in eastern Oregon, coming here from Pendleton nine years ago. He bought and paid cash for the Noon ranch and was an untiring worker for the upbuilding of his home but he has left all and his many friends and those whom he often favored will miss him, as well as his family. He was prominent in church and educational work and aided much in their advancement here. He had the best equipped farm and one of the best fruit orchards in Columbia county. He leaves two sons, Elmer O. and Samuel W., and two daughters, Mrs. Harold Carlson and Miss Emma Dahlgren besides his good wife. The funeral was held from the Swedish Lutheran church on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. and he was laid to rest in the Swedish cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. B. S. Nyström assisted by Rev. A. M. Green of Portland who delivered a most able and consoling sermon. E. A. Ross had charge of the funeral arrangements. Practically the entire residents were at the funeral to pay their last respects to "an honest man."

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HIS FIRST JOB



BROODS OVER HEALTH THEN CHOOSES DEATH

George M. Smith of Portland Commits Suicide Near Goble—Takes Poison and Then Jumps from High Bluff—Was to Be Married Soon.

After having taken the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid, George M. Smith, aged 30, of Portland, either rolled or leaped from the high bluff just north of Goble and fell a hundred feet to the highway below. The tragedy occurred Saturday afternoon at about 5:30 o'clock and a few minutes afterwards, when S. D. Alexander passed in his auto on the way to Rainier, he saw the body and, placing it in his auto, hurried to Rainier. Before he reached Rainier, life was extinct. The body was badly crushed and it was evident that in falling from the bluff, it had struck a rock shelf on the bluff before falling to the hard surfaced pavement.

Letter Written in Blood. Parties who went to the top of the bluff (about where the Near City road leads up) found the man's coat, an empty carbolic acid bottle and a note which was written in blood. It stated, "Well I have got leprosy and I am better dead so the doctor said, so I—" from there on the letter was unintelligible.

In the man's coat was found about 15 feet of half inch rope with a noose at one end and it was apparent that he had first decided upon hanging himself, but upon reconsideration chose the carbolic acid route.

Identity Established. Friends of the unfortunate man missed him from the lodging house where he stayed in Portland and upon hearing of the occurrence, came to St. Helens and identified the body. Smith was to have been married in the near future, and his bride to be came down from Portland with other friends and identified the body. It appears that Smith consulted a physician and was advised that he had stomach trouble. Evidently he brooded over this fact until his mind became deranged. Coroner White said there was nothing to indicate any physical ailment and his conclusion was that the ailment was only mental.

The body was taken to Portland for interment, relatives of the unfortunate man having been located.

WEIGLE MAKES A MOONSHINE HAUL

Chas. Orwig of Clatskanie and C. A. Rowland of Portland were gathered in Saturday night at Rainier by Deputy Sheriff Weigle, and along with the gathering of the above named gentlemen he found tucked away in their automobile eleven pints of moonshine tarantula juice.

Weigle had been trailing the offenders against the Eighteenth amendment for several days and the psychological moment came Saturday night to get the culprits with the goods.

Both pleaded guilty before Justice Hazen Tuesday. Orwig was fined \$250 and costs and Rowland was assessed \$150. Orwig has been in the law's toils before on the same count.

TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS NEW QUARTERS

The telephone company this week moved into their new quarters in the Columbia County bank building. Along with the moving to the new location the old-fashioned crank system has gone out of vogue and instead of turning the crank until your arm tires, you now merely take down the receiver and rest while you wait. Manager Scott is quite cozyly located in his new office, and the hello girls are quite well pleased with their brand-new switch-boards. Before making the move the company installing an entire new set of office furniture.

NEWSY NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

"A Sophomore" Writes of Doings in The High School.

By A. Sophomore
The basket social which was given Friday last was a great success, the sum of \$74.20 was brought in to the student body fund which will be used for foot ball equipment.

The foot ball game of Saturday afternoon, the high school vs. the alumni, was a game of great interest. The teams were well-matched and a good crowd witnessed the game. The score stood 19-0 in favor of the high school.

The enrollment of the high school exceeds all previous years, there being 46 freshmen, 35 sophomores, 21 juniors and 17 seniors.

The students of the high school are looking forward to this year being a great success, as the faculty which the school board has so intelligently chosen are putting forth great enthusiasm. Miss Catherine Davis, the English teacher, is now organizing a high school orchestra and a girls' glee club. Miss Davis also is an accredited teacher in either piano or violin lessons.

The chemistry class conducted by Prof. Spiess will convene in the basement of our high school building as a new laboratory has been recently added and fitted with the necessary equipment.

School will be closed Friday as it is the day given to the school children. They will take part in the program at the fair, beginning at noon. The many school friends of Miss Laura Farr will be glad to know that she is now home from the Sellwood hospital and is improving rapidly.

A foot ball game with Columbia university of Portland has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Sept. 25. It will be the second game of the season and a good crowd should be present to root our team to victory.

LAST MINUTE LOCAL PICK-UPS

Editor Veatch of the Rainier Review was a fair visitor here a day this week.

Miss Grace Reed of Portland spent the week end with Miss Nellie Burcham of this city.

Mrs. Harry Bennett and two small children returned Sunday from an extended visit in eastern states.

J. M. Rodgers and son Carl of Portland were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morton.

Dr. H. Russell, the chiropractor, starts Saturday for Benton county on a vacation. He expects to return about October 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Harrison and daughter of Portland accompanied by Mrs. Marie Pettit motored down Sunday and spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burcham.

Mrs. W. R. Hanley stopped enroute from Seaside to her home in McMinnville to pay a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones.

The fall Chinook have apparently passed upstream and fishing is at a low ebb in the Columbia at the present time. The silversides which are expected soon have not yet put in an appearance.

Miss Emma Morton of Portland is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morton. Miss Morton is a photographer of recognized ability and makes a specialty of "home photography."

There is no keeping that old war-horse, T. C. Watts of Reuben, away from a republican rally. He passed through town Saturday enroute to Portland to hear Harding speak—not the president-to-be, but Harding of Iowa.

Ed. Ball, prominent merchant of The Dalles, Oregon, was hung up in St. Helens Monday night with a burned out bearing in his auto engine. The Flynn auto shop fixed him up and he went on his way homeward Tuesday morning.

The local "hello" girls in future will be known by the emblem they wear, all same as any other organization. A pin bearing a tiny star will represent each year's service up to five years, when the wearer will be entitled to a pin with a bell on it.

J. H. Griffiths came over from Kalamazoo Saturday and spent Sunday here. Mr. Griffiths is finishing up a contract for the building of a modern bungalow and as soon as his work is completed, will return to St. Helens and resume work in his shop on St. Helens street.

A daughter was born to the wife of Chas. P. Sandon of Scappoose Friday, September 17. Dr. Peel very obligingly doing the stork act.

Mrs. W. H. Pohndorf returned the latter part of last week from West Woodburn where she enjoyed a brief outing in the hop fields.

M. V. Hoefler, the Astoria candy king, was evidently feeling good over the landing of a fat order for Centennial chocolates and was in a hurry to get home Tuesday. Anyway, he was feeding the gas wagon a mouthful of gas and she was reeling off the miles in a way that was unsatisfactory to the speed cop. Result: Mr. Hoefler handed over \$30 cash bond to the judge and forgot to come back for trial.

J. D. Gray, father of Von A. Gray of this city, died at his residence in Portland Tuesday night. Deceased had lived in Oregon for a number of years and had many friends in this vicinity. He was about 70 years of age and is survived by a wife, two sons and a daughter. The funeral services were held in Portland Wednesday afternoon and the interment was in Rose Hill cemetery. The sympathy of a host of friends is extended to Mr. Gray and his family in their bereavement.

HEAVY RAINFALL SPOILS FAIR DAYS

Fair a Big Success Point of Exchange—Fair a Big Success in Point of Exchange—Live Stock—Attendance for First Two Days Small.

Absence of sunshine and intermittent showers of rain, which at times almost reached the point of deluges, have interfered to prevent the Columbia County fair from being the best that has ever been attempted by that organization.

The fair itself is above the average, but the weather has been so disagreeable that the attendance is far below expectations and what it would have been had there been sunshine instead of rain. The attendance has been about 500 for each of the first two days.

The fair was formally opened Wednesday by the fair officials, and the forenoon was given over largely to a street concert by Campbell's American band. This organization, one of the best on the coast, is a merited addition to the program for the three days. Two lady vocalists, Mrs. Alleman and Miss Jennie Clow Nelson, are with the band and their singing has been a delight to the music lovers in attendance at the fair. In the pavilions are found a fine exhibition of the varied products of Columbia county, fruits, vegetables and grains being attractively displayed. Of jellies, pickles, and preserves there is a sufficient quantity to supply a regiment. The baking and canning department is in charge of Mrs. L. R. Rutherford.

The display of needlework is in charge of Mrs. Fred Trow and is an artistic arrangement of those things most dear to a woman's heart.

The school exhibits department is in charge of Supt. Wilkerson and is attracting much attention. The teachers of the county have entered heartily into making the school exhibit a decided success and it is very gratifying to all concerned to know that the results attained are most satisfactory.

Guy Tarbell is in charge of the livestock building, County Agent Flippin is looking after the dairy interests, A. L. Morris is in charge of the agricultural division, and all of these departments have creditable showings on exhibition.

Mrs. W. L. Goin is in charge of the poultry department and the poultry fancier can be gratified here with a sight of some splendid specimens of Columbia county fowls.

The flower department is presided over by Mrs. Martin White and in the beauties of the flower garden Columbia county also excels.

And last but not least in point of importance of departmental managers is Mrs. C. E. Lake, who is charged with arranging the baby show. This important event is scheduled for 1 o'clock a. m. Friday.

Today is Children's Day and the weather man has promised that old Jupe Pluvius will behave himself, so it is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance at the fair and that the school children will have complete charge of everything unless Tom Lovelace insists on keeping the gate.

The merry-go-round and also the Ferris wheel, but the youngsters have not enjoyed these devices as they would have enjoyed them had a flood of sunshine instead of rain been provided by the weather man. Another attraction of great interest to young and old is Lew Cullins' dog and pony show. Cullins has some well trained animals, but like all other departments connected with the fair the state of the weather has made it difficult for him to give as creditable an exhibition as he would under more favorable conditions. However, the pony and dog show has done its part in entertaining the visitors.

Campbell's band has been another great little entertainer, but weather conditions have perhaps somewhat dampened the spirits of that organization as well. An especially good musical offering for Thursday was "The Death of Custer" or "The Battle of the Little Big Horn," by Lee Johnson. And the trombone solo, "The Old Home Down on the Farm," by Mr. Jessup was a number highly appreciated. In short, Campbell has an aggregation of musicians hard to beat.

Next week the Mist will give a more detailed account of the fair in the matter of premium awards and special exhibits.

RAILROAD WILL TAP COLUMBIA CO. TIMBER

The Portland, Astoria & Pacific railway is to assume control and operate the line of the United Railways extending a distance of 112 miles from Linton to Wilkesboro, Columbia county, according to applications filed with the interstate commerce commission, copies of which have been received by the public service commission of Oregon.

The road, with contemplated extensions, will tap the heavy timber region of Columbia county which was bought by the Eccles interests about two years ago, and the road will be used both as a logging road and as a common carrier.

The application of the United Railways asks authority to discontinue service on that line, and the application of the Portland, Astoria & Pacific road has been filed concurrently, asking authority to assume control of and operate the road.

These applications are the first under the federal transportation act of 1920.